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FREEDOMS

McCarthy taps N.G. editors; renews deportation threat

THE two top GUARDIAN editors, Cedric Belfrage and James Aronson, have been placed under continuing subpena by the McCarthy Committee and Belfrage threatened with deportation, following two appearances by the editors before the committee last Wed. and Thurs., May 13-14.

They appeared in answer to summonses served in New York Tues., May 12, ordering their appearances together in Washington less than 24 hours later.

The ostensible reason for summoning the two was their work together in uniform under the **SHAEF** command at the end of the war, setting up a democratic press in Germany.

A SILENT PRESS? However, the subpenas, coming on the heels of questioning of N.Y. **Post** editor James Wechsler and the naming of a paid informer to compile a list of alleged "subversives" on New York newspapers, indicated clearly the objective of the McCarthy Committee to silence all criticism of its operation and methods. The subpenas to the **GUARDIAN** editors came at press deadline time and a decision was promptly made to hold the presses until Thursday to include this report of their appearances.

The editors appeared in closed "executive" session on Wednesday for two hours and were then ordered to remain in Washington for public appearances Thursday morning. McCarthy announced at that time that an Immigration official would be in attendance—an obvious attempt to intimidate Belfrage, who is a British national.

At the public hearing Sen. McCarthy presided first, later surrendering the chair to Sen. Stuart Symington.

CRUCIFY THE INNOCENT: Questions relating to the two men's careers with **SHAEF** seemed designed to attack the Acheson State Dept. Many questions were asked concerning the number of Communists who received press licenses in Germany during the period of their service. Actually Belfrage and Aronson worked under Allied military command rather than the U.S. State Dept. and all licensees were appointed under U.S. Army directives and approved by the U.S. commanding general.

Both editors refused under the Fifth Amendment to answer questions about their political affiliations or the NATIONAL GUARDIAN. Both pointed out that the **GUARDIAN** had been characterized by McCarthy's own committee representative as a "communist front" and a "pro-communist" publication "having in its employ many Communists."

"Whatever answer I may give, in the

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A clear and present danger—McCarthy's inquisition confronts America. This is what GUARDIAN's Belfrage and Aronson faced last week, as others before them. How many follow depends on how many fight back. In the center sits McCarthy, flanked (l to r) by Roy Cohn and David Schine who snooped the world for McCarthy, committee members Charles E. Potter (R-Mich.), John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), and Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.).

U.S. torpedoes truce as allies balk at war

By Tabitha Petran

WASHINGTON's increasingly transparent efforts to block a Korean truce, and to write off the Soviet peace initiative as a fraud, met mounting popular resistance in Allied countries. "Speaking for all of Europe" (N. Y. **Times** editorial, 5/12), Churchill showed the extent of the pressure by calling, in Parliament, for top-level talks with Moscow without pre-conditions, and welcoming the latest Chinese-N. Korean truce proposal as the possible "basis of an agreement." The "enthusiastic reception" he won was "so strong that it constitutes a factor . . . that has to be reckoned with by all democratic governments" (Anne O'Hare McCormick, **NYT**, 5/13).

But in the U.S. the President's shakeup of the Joint Chiefs of Staff put in the top military leadership strong advocates of the MacArthur

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Act now to halt inquisitions, plunder and war

"LET'S ALL CELEBRATE the homecoming of the Korea vets," said the letter in the N.Y. **Daily News**, "and make it a truly joyous occasion for them, by urging our Government to get a move on and electrocute the Rosenbergs."

What a monstrous thing to appear in an American newspaper. But what a monstrous thing has happened to the values of an America that allows the Rosenbergs to be sentenced to death in the first place! Does the letter not fit into the whole pattern that is being woven for us in Washington?

● Across the country panels of hate-filled men sit on boards of inquisition grinding out questions designed to cut people off from their jobs, their community, their families. They have reached far; they have spit on the First Amendment to invade the freedom of the press and of worship, and have twisted the Fifth Amendment into a mockery of its original intent.

They have reached into the GUARDIAN itself, calling its editors before mock hearings that saw almost every reference to freedom of the press gaveled into silence. They have plucked out the editor of the anti-communist N.Y. **Post** to warn the American press through him that anti-communism must be pure and undefiled: there must be not the slightest hint by anyone that the inquisition and the inquisitors are not noble and anointed.

● In Panmunjom a hard-mouthed American general, speaking in the name of the "UN," takes compromise after compromise offered by the Chinese and North Koreans and hurls them back with insults, while a world sick of bloodshed and burning flesh and stories of disease by infected insects (too well documented to be disregarded) stands aghast. The cry is peace. The cry is peace in Korea; and in Indo-China (where the long arm of Washington is dropping more death); and in Malaya and Kenya, where the more discreet British counterpart of imperial insanity is spreading its own kind of death. No wonder the brilliant British analyst R. Palme Dutt cries: "Open up a second front for peace in the West!"

● From China comes a terrible indictment of what lies behind our generals' stalling at Panmunjom—of the horror of Koje Island while the hoax of the "44,000 POW's who won't go home" was being rigged up. Washington and the big press black the story out as they blacked out the detailed germ-warfare charges. The GUARDIAN says it must be read—and disproved if it is untrue; no political smears of its English and Australian authors will convince us that they would deliberately concoct such a story.

● In a black homburg, looking like an undertaker on the prowl for warm corpses, Secy. Dulles flies to the Middle East with a silver-handled gun as a gift for Egypt's strong man Naguib, a curdled offering of milk and honey for the Jews of Israel, and a hypocrite's promise to the Arabs. Is it any wonder that in Israel an editor tells the mothers of the country to keep their children in their houses during the Grim Reaper's visit (and is thrown in jail by a lackey government in Tel Aviv)?

The gentlemen talk of peace. And all the while they've got their hands in your pockets for a rent gouge and a food gouge. They rob you of the natural resources that belong to you; make sure your children won't get low-cost medical help; steal the dollars from old-age pensioners; take the roof off rural school houses and hospitals.

There is the link: from McCarthy and Velde (the smokescreen of fear), to Taft and McCarran (the legislative plunder), to Dulles and the Pentagon (Murder, Inc.).

And President Eisenhower yells "Fore!"

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A grim picture? Yes, it is—but there are shifting winds.

It was felt in the Federal Courthouse in Foley Square when 12 men and women talked back to the Velde division of the witch-hunt. The courage that was manifest in Los Angeles and Detroit and Chicago was contagious.

It was felt in the muffled words of the American POW's home from Korea, held in Valley Forge Army Hospital as mental defectives because they've been infected with sanity.

It was felt in the British and French press reaction to the Velde circus, and the angry protest in Europe to Washington's obstinacy at Panmunjom—a protest that forced Prime Minister Churchill to call last week for Big Power talks.

It continues to be felt in the march of the "colonial" peoples, proud and steadfast, in the face of the West's most advanced methods of killing.

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But in the last analysis the answer lies with us—here. If the American people speak up and act up for peace, we shall have peace. However, it will take more than small bands of professional people and workers. It will take the organized labor movement—the heart and strength of any people's movement.

When will all the unions speak out? Will they wait till the power of monopoly capital has its boot firmly planted against their necks in the dirt? The leaders of labor—left and right—must know that the ultimate attack is aimed at their unions; it must be. Crush labor and you have a supine nation in the fascist yoke.

The time is now for the unions to speak out, against the inquisition, against the war-makers, against the plunder.

To fight against these things is to fight for liberty, for peace and for plenty. A militant and informed labor movement is the best defense of freedom.

THE EDITORS

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IT'S A 30-1 SHOT that these paragraphs are aimed at YOU, whom we haven't yet been able to budge on our 1953 Sustaining Fund pledge campaign.

These pledges, regularly sent in each month since March by an increasing number of readers, have been the bedrock of GUARDIAN operation this spring. The urgent need for an increase in the number of such pledges, particularly with the summer just ahead, should be apparent to all.

Approximately 1,400 monthly pledges are now being fulfilled monthly and on time from about 500 communities through the U. S. A.

BUT (1) THIS LIST of communities by no means calls the roll of the areas of GUARDIAN readership throughout the nation; and (2) from over 350 communities we have thus far received only one pledge apiece.

Among the lone one-pledge communities are such GUARDIAN centers as Ann Arbor, Bridgeport, Croton-on-Hudson, Levittown, Duluth, Flint, Hartford, New Rochelle, Peekskill, Schenectady, Stamford, Toledo, Trenton and York, Pa. And we hate to admit it, but we have drawn an absolute goose-egg thus far from Akron, Canton, Camden, Des Moines, Erie, Fall River, New Bedford, Omaha, Reading, Scranton, South Bend, Tampa and Wilmington Del.

From each of these places, the GUARDIAN could (and should!) receive by return mail anywhere from five to a dozen pledges apiece beginning with June.

COMMUNITIES ALREADY PRODUCING five or more pledges thus far include:

Baltimore	8	Manhattan	170
Bayside	7	Miami	8
Berkeley	17	Newark	10
Bronx	52	New Haven	8
Booklyn	104	Philadelphia	40
Chicago	65	Portland (Ore.)	6
Cleveland	6	Richmond (Calif.)	5
Detroit	14	San Antonio	10
Flushing	12	San Diego	5
Jackson Heights	7	San Francisco	23
Long Beach, Calif.	7	Seattle	12
Long Island City	5	Washington, D. C.	10
Los Angeles	88		

In the next flight are:

Beverly Hills	4	Minneapolis	2
Buffalo	4	New Orleans	3
Cincinnati	3	Palo Alto	4
Columbus	4	Phoenix	4
Dearborn	3	Silver Spring, Md.	3
Denver	4	Syracuse	4
Hollywood	4	Poughkeepsie	4
Houston	3	St. Paul	3
Milwaukee	4		

Only two pledges apiece have come from such centers as:

Amherst
Indianapolis
Ithaca
Madison
Pittsburgh
Providence
Rochester
St. Louis
Springfield
Tacoma
Waterbury
Worcester

ARE THE FEW progressives of, say, San Antonio, more alert to the urgency of sustaining a paper like the GUARDIAN than literally thousands of readers in Hollywood, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh and St. Louis?

Why not dig down NOW for a 3-cent stamp—and get yourself at least on an equal footing with Bucks of the Month folk from Apollo, Pa., Broadus, Mont., Clatskanie, Ore., Ephrata, Wash., Mukwonago, Wis., Santurce, P. R., Trail, B. C., Wells, Me., Yankeetown, Fla., and a hundred more circling camps of GUARDIAN stalwarts? Pledge form at the left.

—THE EDITORS

THE MAIL BAG

Our kind

OMAHA, NEB.

Dear Mr. Belfrage: You and I and our kind realized years ago there are but two approaches to the music of our days—either to slip down into the Snake Pit or to accept the realities, maintain faith in a renascent mankind, and keep burning bright the hope for a peaceful, sane and progressive world. Otherwise you would not have written "Away From It All" 17 years ago, and people like me would not have read and accepted the challenges therein. And you wouldn't be editing the GUARDIAN now, and my kind would not be looking in it for unbiased information and intellectual guidance. And you wouldn't have been called before Velde's committee, that most un-American of latter-day institutions, and I and my like wouldn't be commending and blessing you for the brave fights you have carried on for us and for our fellow citizens, whether enlightened or benighted.

Enclosed $5 as my contribution to the GUARDIAN — will try to send more at periodic intervals. May your intellectual vigor and moral stamina keep mounting.

I. M. Protzedell

Just what crime?

MARTINS FERRY, O.

Cedric Belfrage was called before the witch hunters allegedly because the GUARDIAN defended Alger Hiss, is advocating and working for clemency for the Rosenbergs, and advocates and is working for peace. I'd like to know of just what crime such activities make him guilty and by virtue of what law?

Current trends seem to indicate we are heading into a dictatorship by the judiciary. Certain dictatorial judges are telling "free" (?) American citizens that they shall, or shall not, do, say, read, write or even think.

In many instances they have reversed the revered traditions of American jurisprudence which always presumed an accused person innocent unless and until he was proved guilty, the burden of proof resting on the plaintiff. Under present unusual court procedure, the accused is presumed guilty until or unless he can prove his innocence.

George F. Curry

How crazy can you get dept.

..Today's resolution approved by the City Council, said: ". . . Whereas the citizens [of Moscow, Idaho] believe they have a prior and superior right to the name . . . the city officials of Moscow, USSR, be requested to change their name from Moscow to some name that will not by association embarrass the citizens of Moscow, U. S. A."

A copy was sent to the Russian embassy at Washington, with a request that it be forwarded to city officials of Moscow, USSR.

—AP story in Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer, April 29.

One-year free sub to sender of each item printed under this heading. Winner: Florence King, Olympia, Wash.

Our daily 3c

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

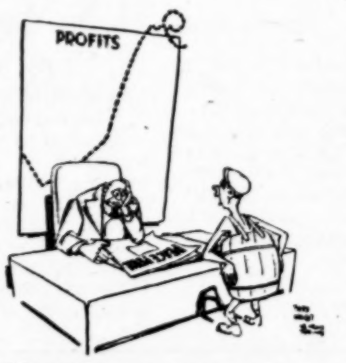
I want to appeal to every reader in behalf of the GUARDIAN, which has done more to expose the Rosenberg frame-up than any other paper in America:

Save 3c a day (or five)—you'll never miss it—and send a monthly $1 to the GUARDIAN Sustaining Fund.

Cut down on your cigarettes or soda pop or some little thing that you could go without and see how easy it is to put away five or even ten cents a day.

You'll be amazed!

J. R. B.



YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT PEACE MEANING A BUST -? ... I'M GOING BROKE DURING YOUR BOOM!

Silly little her!

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

These remarks are inspired by an article in the Minneapolis Tribune called "Some Yanks Buy Brain-Washing."

I used to think that storks brought babies (silly little me) and then my mother "washed my brain" of such a foolish notion. In Sunday School they taught me that the world was created in seven days. Then I went to the University of Minnesota and by a subtle and sinister process that I now identify as "brain washing," I was convinced of the correctness of the millions of years.

All these years that I have been going to school, it seems that I have been unwittingly submitting myself to a process of "brain washing," though I naively regarded this by the more unscientific term, "education." It never occurred to me in by youthful innocence that ideas could be washed in and out of my brain at will.

This opens up marvelous possibilities. Instead of generals, munitions makers, profiteers and other bigwigs who desire war, putting them in an arena and letting them slug it out with each other, we could simply have their "brains washed." Without even the use of a modern detergent, these anti-social, greedy and selfish ideas could be washed out of their brains, and clean sweet thoughts of peace could be "washed in." Oh happy day!

Irene Paull

$100,000 a MIG

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

"Queen for a Day," the radio-TV giveaway program, has just changed sex and locale. It is now "King for a Day" and takes place in Korea. Rather, over Korea.

Gen. Mark Clark offers $100,000 for a Chinese-piloted MIG-15, delivered F.O.B. South Korea. Arthur Godfrey, the latter-day Major Bowes, offers $1,000. The State of Colorado offers a month-long vacation in the Rockies, pre-paid.

Forthcoming, undoubtedly, is a year's supply of Coca Cola and comic books and an autographed copy of Sen. McCarthy's latest tome (Books Are For Burning.)

The offer was well-received by Congress, but as yet no congressman has turned a MIG over to Gen. Clark. In addition, Clark offers the king for a day: asylum. Political or lunatic?

Obviously, Gen. Clark will remain MIG-less until he clarifies one all-important question: Is the $100,000 tax-free?

Nita Narr

10 years in peace fight

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

The Natl. Council of American-Soviet Friendship (114 E. 32d St., N. Y. C. 16, Dr. John Kingsbury, chairman), is celebrating its 10th anniversary of untiring struggle as ambassador of amity between ourselves and the U. S. S. R., through dissemination of facts and figures to establish the truth about the land of socialism.

Seneca said "truth never dies"—but today it has been shackled. This is a plea for a wide, heart-warming response to the 10th anniversary appeal of these fighting friends.

Muriel I. Symington

Join the GUARDIAN's "Buck-of-the-Month" sustainers

An American catholic speaks

FLUSHING, N. Y.

I am a Catholic, "Roman," orthodox, in good standing and, I hope, well informed on my Faith. As all Catholics should, I look for guidance and support on moral judgements to the mind of the Holy See. One such problem is the morality of appealing for clemency for the Rosenbergs. For myself, once I knew that perjured testimony had been used against them with the knowledge and consent of the FBI, I knew where I stood. I am dead set against the government from then on, REGARDLESS OF THE GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF THE ROSENBERGS.

Is my position permissible? Is it sound? Is it orthodox? If it is, then the Catholics in step with the government are out of step with Christ.

The answer is found in the suppressed clemency appeal from my spiritual leader, His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The Catholic press promptly set out to "smear" it. The Tablet, which had refrained from mentioning the case when it was going the way the Tablet liked, broke its silence to tell its readers the Pope did NOT plead for the Rosenbergs, but was merely a stooge, or pipeline, for people who used him to make their voices heard. This sentiment of the Tablet was later backed up by a cartoon which showed "Rosenberg" hung by his heels from a pole carried by two armed hunters (one of whom bore a resemblance to Sen. McCarthy), with the caption "Results of a 'witch' hunt."

I know personally that all the protests called for by this performance were duly made to the Apostolic Delegate, particularly on the point that the Tablet had betrayed the Pope. It is quite possibly for this reason (though perhaps for others also) that the official Vatican paper Osservatore Romano printed, on April 16, a full front-page article restating the Pope's personal interest in the case, and leaving no doubt of His Holiness' personal sentiments.

This, of course, is the moral support and spiritual guidance Catholics have a right to expect, and to get, via the Catholic press. But I learned of it from the GUARDIAN issue of April 27. To date there has been no mention of it in the Tablet, which has put out two issues dated respectively nine and sixteen days after the important article in Osservatore Romano. Those who deny Catholics such support and guidance betray Christ, because they betray the leadership of His vicar on earth. Because it betrays Christ, I would not lift a finger to defend the Tablet were it ever to be at-attacked or suppressed. Rather would I consider such a fate merely its just due, and its suffering to be without any spiritual merit.

But because, regardless of any other consideration, the GUARDIAN in this instance DOES bring me word of the moral support and example of my supreme spiritual guide in things of this world and specifically in the Rosenberg Case, I would defend the GUARDIAN with my life. And I mean that quite literally. I realize that those against whom I would have to defend it, even at risk of my life, would be my fellow Catholics.

For them, and for their clergy who fail to lead them aright, I can only echo, on behalf of the Holy Father they betray, the prayer of that Shepherd of shepherds: "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do."

Ray Scott

"The press is a mill that grinds all that is put into its hopper. Fill the hopper with poisoned grain and it will grind it to meal, but there is death in the bread."—WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

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Any newspaper is now fair game

By Elmer Bendiner

FOR YEARS Congressional bloodhounds had coursed through most fields in the U.S.: labor, art, education, screen, stage, TV, radio. One field, the press, still had game laws, was posted: "No hunting." Last week the hounds were baying all over it.

Quarries were widespread, varied, acted unlike most game. Rabbits, for example, refused to recognize the hunter while he stalked squirrels, failed to stir until shotgun blasts last week nicked even rabbits.

VAIN RECITATION: N.Y. **Post** editor James Wechsler had been summoned by Sen. Joe McCarthy (R-Wis.), ostensibly in connection with a book he had written, said to be on U.S. library shelves abroad.

Wechsler in vain cited his long and militant anti-communism, his open atonement for earlier Young Communist League membership, his appreciation of Whittaker Chambers, his attacks on the "Wallace movement which was in my judgment the most serious threat in recent years of Communist strength in America." He balked only at supporting McCarthy.

When McCarthy refused to make the testimony public unless the editor turned over names of former YCL associates, Wechsler handed in 60 names, including some of his own colleagues on the **Post**, asked that they be turned quietly over to the FBI.

PRESS TAKES NOTE: Whatever might be said of Wechsler's methods of defending the press, McCarthy's attack on him shocked many papers, brought the broadest, loudest resistance the press had yet staged. Rallying to his support were: the **Washington Post** (called by McCarthy the "Washington **Daily Worker**"; the **Daily Worker** (whose editor John Gates has been in jail 2 years); the St. Louis **Post-Dispatch**, L.I. **Newsday**, N.Y. **Times** and **Herald-Tribune**, the **Nation**, scores of columnists.

The Freedom of Information Comm. of the American Soc. of Newspaper Editors was ordered by chairman J. W. Wiggins to study immediately "all relevant material" on the Wechsler inquisition.

In his column Walter Winchell, continuing his vendetta against the N.Y. **Post**, cheered McCarthy, urged editors who might support Wechsler: "Don't be suckers."

Though many took alarm at the attack on the **Post**, few took notice of the hunt when it went after other victims. Of those who defended the GUARDIAN (see story on p. 1) the most conservative was the **Nation** which grouped Wechsler's summons with Belfrage's appearance before Velde, called both "disturbing omens," concluded that "the American press is now confronted by a danger without parallel in its history."

DOWN WITH THE FIRST: Also passed without editorial comment in the N.Y. press was the inquisition of book-publisher Angus Cameron by the Internal Security Subcommittee, headed by Sen. Wm. E. Jenner (R-Ind.). Cameron, for 16 years editor-in-chief of Little, Brown & Co., had just organized a new publishing house in partnership with Albert Kahn (Cameron and Kahn, N.Y.) His relaxed but forceful handling of the inquisition brought heads like (**Boston Traveler**): "EDITOR DEFIES RED QUIZ, ATTACKS WITCH HUNT."

Cameron stood firmly on the 1st and 5th amendments.

FLUMMERY APLENTY: Asked to discuss the authors he published for Little Brown, Cameron said: "We always judged books by their contents, not the associations of their authors." He went on:

> "As a book publisher I consider that I have a special function to oppose these activities since they attack the rights of the people to say and print what they believe without fear of smear and prosecution. I believe that the freedom to explore through books the real world around us—its natural and social laws, its motions and its changes—is a freedom which cannot be limited in the slightest degree without opening the dike of liberty to thought control, book burnings and their concomitants: ignorance, obscurantism, prejudice and intellectual flummery."

ARONSON and BELFRAGE
The call came at press time

McCarthy's attack on the Guardian

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light of the times, would be used to crucify me and other innocent persons,' Belfrage told McCarthy.

MODERN PILATE: When Belfrage was asked whether he was a member of the Communist Party, he replied:

> "'Thou sayest it' is a famous answer to a similar question many centuries ago. My answer must be the modern equivalent of it. I decline to answer on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment."

From Mark, 15:
2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews?
And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it.
3 And the chief priest accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.

Chairman Symington, a radio magnate and one-time Secy. of Defense for Air, announced his intention of seeing to it that Belfrage would be sent "back where you came from."

Committee counsel Roy Cohn chimed in that Sen. McCarthy had ordered an Immigration official to be present "to do something about this immediately."

QUERY STATE DEPT.: The immigration official was questioned and a query sent to the State Dept. about what might be done to deport Belfrage. McCarthy "requested" the State Dept. to keep his committee informed of its actions toward this end.

Last week's inquisition was Belfrage's second this month; the first being before the Velde House Committee on Un-American Activities in New York May 5.

RALLY CALLED: On that occasion and again last Thursday, the GUARDIAN editors attacked the attempted inquisitions as designed to intimidate an independent newsweekly which has forthrightly opposed the policies of war, repression and plunder of both the Eisenhower Administration and the previous "bipartisan" administration of Pres. Truman.

> "It is, however, an attack not merely upon the GUARDIAN," their statement continued. "Clearly it is the spearhead of an attempt to suppress all remaining opposition voices in the press.
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> "It is more than time that the editors and publishers of the press throughout the country recognized the storm warnings. They will be next. If they refuse to defend editors of small publications, whatever their point of view, they are aiding and abetting the destruction of the First Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees freedom of the press."

In New York, a "Guardian of Liberty Rally" sponsored jointly by the National Guardian and the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions was announced for Fri. evening, June 5, at Palm Garden, 306 W. 52d St., to mobilize a public counter-attack on the McCarthy and Velde Committees.

Maytime "murder festival" called in North Carolina

By Eugene Gordon

IN its March issue Paul Robeson's monthly **Freedom** described N. Carolina as planning a "festival of murder" in dooming four Negroes—Raleigh Speller, 51; Clyde Brown, 22; Bennie and Lloyd Ray Daniels, 21 and 20—to the gas chamber (GUARDIAN, 3/16). The "festival" was postponed by an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled, however, that there was "nothing prejudicial" in excluding Negroes from the Speller and Brown juries (both were condemned for "rape"; N. Carolina in practice applies the death penalty for that crime only to Negroes).

Last week the date for the "festival" was set for May 22. These are the men and their cases:

RALEIGH SPELLER: "Generally regarded" by townsfolk of Williamstown, N.C., where he was a handyman, "as somewhat mentally retarded," Speller was "a made-to-order" victim when 52-year-old Mrs. Aubrey Davis, white, said "a Negro" raped her. The hastily-summoned white jury quickly brought in a guilty verdict, upheld after three appeals.

CLYDE BROWN: Evidence showed that Betty Jane Clifton, 17, white, was beaten in her father's Winston-Salem radio shop, but none pointed to rape and she told police she "couldn't remember" being raped. A Mrs. Grossman, white, arriving shortly after the occurrence, said she found no evidence of rape; hospital records present conflicting evidence. But police swooped on the Negro community, arrested Brown and held him six days without a lawyer's services; the girl never identified Brown as her assailant but the press tried and convicted him. His mother, a member of Food, Tobacco & Agricultural Workers Local 22, died of cerebral hemorrhage a year later.

When the Peoples Defense Comm.'s appeal was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court (6/4/1951) and N. Carolina set death for two weeks later, a petition by over 2,000 Winston-Salem citizens forced a stay.

DANIELS COUSINS: As radios in Greenville, N.C., blared out news of the murder of taxi-driver William O'Neal, white, in a nearby "notorious lovers' lane" in 1949, police were already burrowing through back streets of the slums for "suspicious Negroes." This was generally taken to mean unemployed sharecroppers. The dragnet yielded the Daniels cousins, then 16 and 17, evidence of guilt being blood on their shirts. A witness testified the stains came from "a minor scrap at a store." Bennie can write his name but cannot read; Lloyd Ray, one of 15 children in a sharecropper family, can neither read nor write.

Lloyd Ray testified that arresting officers took him in February rain to the woods, made him stand "wet, cold and most frozen to death" while they told him he'd never see his "mama" again unless he confessed he and Bennie "killed that white man." The cousins were held incommunicado 42 and 14 hours respectively, finally forced to sign legally-worded confessions.

TESTIMONY: Witnesses reported having seen a white woman in bloody clothes near the murder spot. An onlooker was said to have remarked:

> "I told O'Neal something was going to happen to him over that married woman. I saw him last night with that woman at a dance and they slipped away from the crowd."

A Negro farmer said he saw the taximan's cab "followed toward 'Lovers Lane' by another car," which later returned. A woman in bloodstained clothes allegedly was picked up by police at a nearby town, questioned and released.

The lilywhite jury said, "Guilty!" The judge said death in the gas chamber.

BLACK & DOUGLAS DISSENT: Dominant issue in all three cases was the exclusion of Negroes from jury service. The U.S. Supreme Court, hearing the three cases together (2/9), ruled that N. Carolina has lessened its discrimination against Negroes by selecting jurors from tax lists. (Justice Black noted that this merely substituted exclusion of Negroes because they were poor for exclusion because they were Negroes.) They therefore refused to reverse the lower courts' decisions in the Brown and Speller cases.

The Daniels case was rejected on different grounds: that the N. Carolina Supreme Court had been right in refusing to review it on the technicality that appeal briefs had been filed a day late. The U.S. Supreme Court thus refused altogether to look into the strong merits of the case; yet Justices Black, Douglas and Frankfurter dissented sharply.

The Daniels Defense Committee, P.O. Box 1601, Durham, N.C., and the Peoples Defense Committee, Box 2008, Winston-Salem, N.C., wrote last week:

> Virtually nothing stands between these four men and death except the hope for an overwhelming flood of appeals for clemency from the nation to Gov. William B. Umstead in Raleigh, N.C.

Behind the Koje screen

As a necessary public service, the GUARDIAN presents below a summary of the 171-page book Koje Unscreened, *by Wilfred Burchett and Alan Winnington, published recently by the authors in Peking.*

*Burchett, Australian author and playwright, for 13 years a foreign correspondent (*London Times, Daily Express; Christian Science Monitor*), went to report the Korean War from the Chinese-N. Korean side for the Paris left-wing paper* Ce Soir, *after his former papers distorted or suppressed his dispatches from Eastern Europe. Winnington, the London* Daily Worker's *Korea correspondent, has covered the truce talks from the outset.*

The GUARDIAN believes Burchett's and Winnington's Koje report—like the Women's Intl. Democratic Fedn.'s 1951 report on U.S. atrocities in N. Korea, and the Western scientists' report on germ-warfare charges—needs answering, not burying. Koje Unscreened *reached the GUARDIAN through the mails but is being generally stopped by the authorities and, so far as we know, cannot be purchased by Americans.*

THE story of Koje Island and the POW's who "won't go home" properly begins in 1949, when 63 governments including the U.S. adopted the Geneva convention. The "voluntary repatriation" principle was expressly and jointly rejected by the U.S., U.S.S.R. and Britain, who inserted a special provision (Art. 7) to insure POW's would not be coerced by a detaining power into "voluntarily" refusing to go home.

But on July 5, 1951—five days before Korean truce talks began—the policy was laid down that "the U.S. should refuse to return any prisoners who forcibly resisted repatriation" (Demaree Bess, **Sat. Eve. Post,** 11/1/52).

U.S. negotiators tried to put the POW question first on the agenda—presumably (in light of this then-secret decision) to block the talks which Washington only undertook under pressure of world opinion. Failing in this obvious absurdity, they scrapped the whole basis on which talks began, refusing to discuss a cease-fire on the 38th Parallel and demanding 12,000 sq. kilometers north of the battle line.

"BLOOD CLASSES": During these and other stalling operations the Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC)—with Americans in top control and Chiang and Rhee officials (notorious for the world's most brutal police systems) at lower levels—began looking for prisoners who wouldn't go home.

To the Chinese POW compounds by August came over 100 Chiang "instructors"; to the N. Korean, still more picked Rhee jailors. From these, POW's were forced (said a former inmate) to

> ". . . listen to lectures against China and the Soviet Union; at the end the Kuomintang agents shouted slogans. . . . Anyone who refused to repeat them was beaten up on the spot or marked down for future action. . . . 'Blood classes,' the prisoners called them because of the blood left in the classes every time."

TATTOOING: The Intl. Red Cross Committee, in a report to Gen. Ridgway 5/12/52, urged discontinuance of this program on "humanitarian" grounds. CIC then set up an "Oppose Communism Resist Russia Assn.," which few joined despite the penalties—cutting already near-starvation rations, branding as diehard Reds, one-way trips to CIC headquarters. Then came tattooing (with slogans of disloyalty)—a custom traditionally despised in China as connected with the branding of thieves. To force submission to it, POW's were

> ". . . hung by their feet, flogged, afterwards made to crawl around on all fours with crushing blows from clubs. . . ."

Those tattooed were told they could never go home now and must petition Chiang and Rhee in their own blood to "save" them:

> ". . . Some prisoners went half crazy, some completely mad, with the prolonged physical torture and anxiety. There were cases of men hacking off the skin which bore the hated tattoo marks. . . ."

"RE-CLASSIFICATION": In Dec., 1951, the POW question came up in the truce talks, with the U.S. flatly refusing to discuss complete repatriation; stalling for weeks on supplying intelligible lists of POW's held, and juggling figures as to the numbers. The U.S. list given the other side was 44,000 names shorter than that given the Red Cross; the 44,000 were finally described as "reclassified civilians."

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM FOR SINGING
N. Korean and Chinese POWs after being "quelled" by U. S. troops

The Red Cross later reported that on Dec. 18, 800 "reclassified civilians" were beaten up, 6 killed, 41 wounded by rifle fire, for demanding the right to treatment as loyal N. Korean soldiers. Another 214 were killed and wounded by U.S. troops on Feb. 18, 1952—first mass killing to break through the censorship. The Red Cross investigation established that the 6,000 internees in Compound 62 where the killings occurred (part of the 44,000 the U.S. said didn't want to go to N. Korea) were part of the regular N. Korean army; all wanted to return home; all opposed new screenings.

"TORTURE & MURDER": Figures on those "not wanting to return" now became totally confused. While in Jan., 1952, Cardinal Spellman in Tokyo said it amounted to "71% of 150,000 prisoners," **Reuters** (1/30) reported from Koje only 500 Chinese had been tattooed with disloyal slogans. U.S. newsmen allowed to visit the island reported a pattern of "torture and murder" (**UP,** 1/20, 21). Of two "anti-communist" compounds where events permitted checkup, one showed 100%, the other 98% (by U.S.'s own figures) wanted to return home.

"INTERPRETATION": On Mar. 25 came the U.S. proposal that truce talks be made secret. In 11 secret sessions there was no word about "screening" POW's. But while Par. 51 of the armistice agreement, which both sides had accepted said "all POW's must be repatriated,"

> . . . the Reds interpreted it as a commitment to return all certified POW's regardless of their wishes. Some of our military representatives at first accepted that interpretation . . . argued that there are no precedents for permitting POW's to decide whether or not they wanted to be exchanged. . . . The final decision in Washington was that the U.S. Govt. was committed against forcible repatriation of any of the 170,000 prisoners (Bess, **SEP,** 11/1/52).

On April 19, following a two-week recess for "checking records," the U.S. said it would return only 70,000 prisoners (63,000 from the original 132,000, 7,000 "reclassified civilians.")

"Screening" by machine-gun

What happened on Koje in those two weeks was pieced together by the authors from many independent sources. They write: "All of the many people we interviewed . . . agreed that every device of mental and physical pressure was brought to bear on prisoners to renounce their rights." A massacre occurred April 10 (not reported till May 24) in which 33 were killed, 57 wounded. Red Cross investigation exposed the U.S. claim to have re-screened all POW's as a lie: screening teams were unable to enter 17 compounds holding more than 80,000 prisoners (for this, already meagre rations were cut in half). Mass refusal to be screened or deported from the island

> . . . was a last-ditch effort to protect their right to return home. . . . Scores of thousands [stood] like rocks, barehanded in front of the American machine-guns . . . resisted every trick, blandishment and violence. But many thousands were driven by force from their compounds and the island. . . .

"IF YOU SHOOT, KILL!" The dramatic capture of Koje Commandant Gen. Dodd on May 7 briefly broke the Koje story to the world. It forced U.S. admission that there had been "forcible screening" and "rearming [illegible]." Then came U.S. repudiation of its agreement to stop "screening," and the bloody splitting up of Koje compounds by Chiang Kai-shek's old friend Gen. Boatner, who told arriving Canadian guards:

> "I don't want you to shoot the prisoners, slash them with your bayonets, or butt them with your rifles, but if you must shoot, shoot to kill!"

Men of the Royal Canadian Regt. 1st Battn. who were there in May and June and were later captured at the front—Corp. John F. Jollymore, Lance-Corp. William Bell, Pvt. Thomas J. Allan—gave graphic eye-witness accounts of Koje screening.

"CO-OPERATE" OR . . . : Bell's account (abridged) of one screening:

"On July 10 [1952] I was among 50 Canadians and 75 or more Americans to assist in the screening. I stood with an American guard beside a table where an officer sat asking the prisoners questions. The prisoners outside were waving banners and singing. About 25 American guards went in and clubbed and bayonetted the men who were carrying banners and wounded them. [Prisoners were told to cooperate or else. As their names were called out, they were asked: **Are you a Communist? Do you want to stay in South Korea?**]

"In three or more cases where a prisoner did not answer, I was ordered to hit the prisoners with my rifle butt and in nine or more cases, I was ordered to use my bayonet and draw blood. On the second day the prisoners who didn't answer the second time a question was put were bayonetted in the arms or shoulder and then taken to the compound so the others could see what happened for not cooperating.

"There were 12 cases where the prisoners did not answer the second time and the officers told me to bayonet them in the arms or legs. I bayonetted the 12 prisoners and drew blood. . . . About 30 prisoners who would not cooperate even after beatings and being bayonetted were taken away in a large truck to the main interrogation camp. Fifteen prisoners were taken to the center of the compound and shot in the lower part of the body, and the other prisoners were told they would get the same or worse if they did not cooperate. . ."

PERSUASION: The Canadians and escaped POW's told of these tortures regularly employed during interrogations: whipping, beating on soles of the feet, sharpened matches inserted under the fingernails then lighted, fingernails pulled out, beating on the back near the kidneys with a heavy rag ball swung on a rope, starvation and the steam chamber "where prisoners were put under steam heat until they were broiled." They described the "Monkey House," a torture house where prisoners were, said POW's, put in barbed-wire cages just big enough for a man to squeeze into "and the guards walked and jumped on the cage until the prisoner's flesh was in tatters."

Even the U.S. press throughout 1952 was compelled to report the killings and woundings of prisoners moved to mainland camps because, according to the U.S., they preferred "death rather than repatriation." **AP** (5/20/52), telling how a fully-armed U.S. infantry battalion subdued unarmed, crippled, sick POW's who had been deprived of food for a week, said: "A group of amputees were among the most aggressive of the fighters."

"The island washed by tears and blood"

On May 23 this message signed by 6,223 prisoners was smuggled out:

> Koje Island is a living hell. The shores of this island are no longer washed by sea-water but by our tears and blood. . . . We shall continue to fight for our just cause, for human rights and for our own personal right to return to our homeland. We shall not hesitate to give our lives for this noble cause. . . .
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> Not a day, not a night but the sacrifice of some of our comrades occurs. The American guards . . . drag them out and kill them either in public or in secret with machine-guns and carbines. . . . Many patriots are loaded into iron barred cages of police cars and taken to the seashore where they are shot and their corpses cast into the sea. . . .

THE HALLMARK: Many signers of the document are now dead. The authors point out:

> Even those people who do not know the rights or wrongs of the Koje events know that these Koreans made no empty pledge. What they stood for, they defended to the very end. Unarmed, with food supplies cut off, they braved the tanks and flame-throwers, the grenades, gas and machine guns.
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> The toll of more than 3,000 killed and wounded there [in 1952 alone], even according to the demonstrably minimized [American] figures, . . . stamps with blood the hallmark of authenticity on this tragic document.

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THE HOUSE Committee on "Un-American Activities," billed for a week's run at Foley Sq., closed down two days ahead of schedule. Inquisition managers said it would reopen in Washington June 6 when further attempts would be made to cast Broadway stars in witches' roles. It played to a well-filled house every day of the New York run, but it was clear from the opening that hundreds were willing to wait on line for hours to pan the production and producers, cheer the witches.

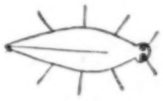
The closing days featured the committee's friends. On Wednesday afternoon Robert Gladnick, Ohio representative of the Intl. Ladies' Garment Workers Union, scanned a list of those who fought with him for Loyalist Spain. He checked off those of his old comrades-in-arms who he said were Communists, cheerfully disparaged the bravery of most he named. Describing how he saw the light, Gladnick said he came up from the front muddy and battered but had to be cleaned up and dressed in "the best clothes I ever wore" in order to talk to some Russians. As an "equalitarian radical," this "turned his stomach"—but he added: "It was very pleasant while it lasted."

GETTING USED TO IT: Gladnick looked comfortable though well-dressed in white shirt, flowered tie. He was followed to the stand by one he had named, Irving Charles Velson, in work shirt and leather wind-breaker. An iron worker, Velson laconically took his stand on the 5th amendment. The N. Y. **Times,** clearly suspicious, reported:

"He admitted having been in the National Guard but declined to say whether he was now secy. of the American Comm. to Survey Trade Union Conditions in Europe, through which two groups made their way to the Soviet Union in 1951."

MINORITY PROBLEM: On Thursday two other friends of the committee testified. Zachary Schwartz told how he quit the CP mainly because party ideas seemed to inhibit an artist's freedom to paint as he pleased (he has drawn Hollywood animated cartoons, now designs TV commercials). He is completing his psychoanalysis, he said.

Like many other "friendly" witnesses, Schwartz described himself as if he were a case history, said he became a Communist because he grew up as a Jew, became embittered by anti-Semitism. He offered committee member Doyle (R-Cal.) opportunity to ask pointedly why "so many members of minority groups go into subversive movements." Schwartz agreed with Doyle that it was "out of a sense of not belonging."



Before Schwartz stepped down Doyle, pleading in the manner of a tent evangelist to repentant sinners, called on members of the audience to "come up and help us." None came.

EX-ANGEL: But Director Robert Rossen (**All the King's Men**) repented at length (3 hours). He said he had invoked the 5th Amendment in 1951 to avoid giving names. In 1953 he had no objections, checked off names of "Communist" colleagues in the Screen Writers Guild, 1943 Writers Congress, Writers Mobilization, though he said all mentioned organizations had done valuable war work.

Rossen said he paid $20,000 in 10 years' time to the CP, but that this did not include contributions to other organizations such as the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. The committee members assured him it was all the same thing, asked for a total. He hesitated then, pressed, said: "I guess you could double that figure." The papers reported he had given $40,000 to the CP.

NO COMFORT: The last day's unfriendly witness, director-producer Lee Sabinson (**Finian's Raibow, Home of the Brave**) said he was not a Communist, this year or last, invoked the 5th amendment when pressed on previous years. He answered many of the committee's questions but gave them no comfort.

Confronted with a letter to Pres. Truman protesting the treatment of Filipino Hukbalahaps (resistance fighters) with his name listed beneath, he said he had no recollection of signing it, but he might have because "whenever I found a cause I thought was decent or worthwhile, representing a struggle for decency, I lent my name."

He offered as evidence for an anti-subversive committee the fact that on the previous Friday night a Bundist meeting on 86th street had "heiled" Sen. McCarthy. Committee member Kit Clardy (R-Mich.) chairing, gaveled him to order. Shown a letter purportedly signed by him on stationery of the Natl. Arts, Sciences & Professions Council, protesting the existence of "this very committee," Sabinson said:

"I have no recollection of signing it. But I wouldn't say that I didn't sign it because if this letter were given to me today I would sign it."

PRO-PEOPLE: A dialogue between him and committee counsel Kunzig seemed to sum up the show. Kunzig asked whether Sabinson had supported the City Council seating of Communist Gerson after Communist Peter Cacchione, elected to office, died. Sabinson said he "most likely" had: "I thought his successor should be a Communist. It was the will of the people who elected Cacchione. I would sign such a thing now."

Kunzig: "If the will of the people elects a Communist that would be satisfactory to you?"

Sabinson: "Whatever the will of the people is, it would satisfy me."

Kunzig: "If the people elected a Communist in Washington, Albany or New York, that would be satisfactory to you?"

Sabinson: "Whatever the will of the people, the people are sovereign."

Kunzig: (turning back to the Sabinson dossier): "I think you have made your position clear."

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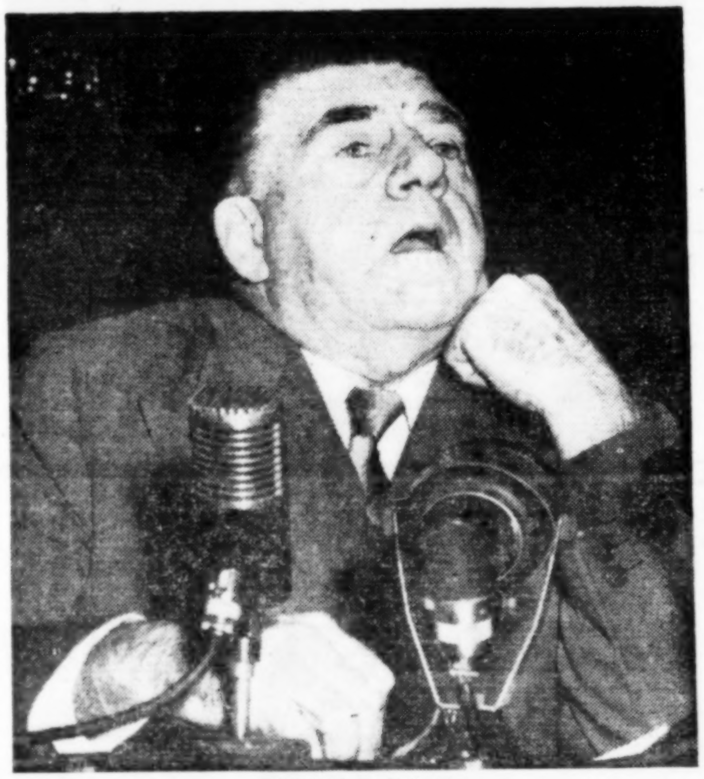

JOSEPH P. RYAN
Guys with records are handy. . . .

Ryan rigs vote for shape-up, Bars shake-up on waterfront

JOHN A. DeMILIA, Brooklyn Eagle reporter, in white shirt and business suit walked into the Catholic Seamen's Institute last week, flashed a borrowed membership book in the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn., and voted in that union's referendum on the shape-up system of hiring.

Later he went back to vote a second time, was told by a representative of the Honest Ballot Assn. that "if you say you didn't vote I'll take your word for it." DeMilia, having proved his point that voting was easy for even white-collar "longshoremen," left without his second vote.

LOADED QUESTION: The balloting, taken as an endorsement of the racket-breeding shape-up by a vote of 7,000 to 3,920, was in fact directed to this question: "Are you satisfied with the present method of hiring?" It was not the same thing. For example, on the Chelsea piers of Local 791 (headed by John Sampson, rival to ILA Pres.-for-life Ryan) regular gangs are hired, with only extras required to shape. The local voted "Yes" in the referendum 622-277, meaning gang-hiring, not shape-up.

Elsewhere on the waterfront other longshoremen with special deals voted to retain the deals, not the shape-up. Still others feared possible alternatives to the shape-up or reprisals.

Alternatives were vague at best and even the possibility of a hiring hall was shadowed by fears. Anthony Anastasia had come out for a hiring hall and announced plans for a $400,000 hall and recreational center in Brooklyn. Shakedowns could be worked indoors as well as on the piers. A government hiring hall could place longshoremen at the mercy of politicians.

NINE SAY "NO": The **Dockers News,** organ of anti-Ryan rank-and-filers who operate on the waterfront in constant danger of murder or brass-knuckle assault, offered the West Coast rotary hiring hall system by which each longshoreman would be guaranteed his chance to work, called for a "No" vote in the referendum.

Local 968, all Negro, which has been fighting Ryan for minimum rights to its own pier, was among nine locals that cast "No" majorities. The ILA has 35 locals in the port.

More than half the members were disqualified from voting by rigid dues requirements. Less than a third voted. Close to 1,000 ballots were invalidated. Ryan nevertheless took the vote as a victory and prepared to use it in battles with AFL officials, the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee investigating the waterfront, and the N. Y. State Crime Commission. He is also under indictment for misappropriating union funds.

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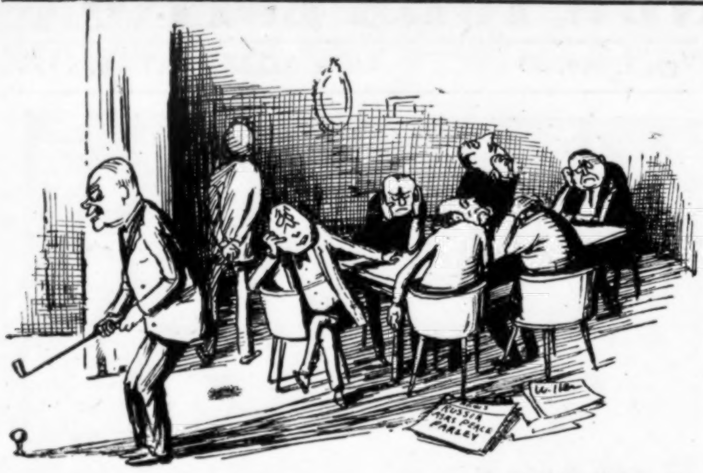
HARRY BRIDGES
Cleanup: Ryan's one-way ticket to the morgu



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Mrs. Jackson paints a portrait: "My Husband and My People"

JAMES EDWARD JACKSON Jr. is a Virginian with a distinguished background both intellectually and as man of action, who became a Communist leader in his state and is now a refugee from political "justice." As you read Mrs. Esther Cooper Jackson's proud 37-page portrait **This Is My Husband** (Natl. Comm. to Defend Negro Leadership, 1660 Fulton St., B'klyn 13, N. Y.; 25c), you get a picture of an enemy trying to stop a forward-marching people by first destroying those at the head of the column—no matter if they are not Communists.

The American picture of "increased attacks on the Negro people as a whole" resulting from the "war drive" includes both the 5-year jail term for Communist Ben Davis and the murder of NAACP (non-Communist) leaders Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore in Florida. The world picture includes S. Africa's Malan deposing the non-violence advocate Albert Luthuli as Zulu land tribal chief then fining and whipping the people under an "anti-communism" law; the British in Kenya imprisoning non-Communist African leader Jomo Kenyatta, then rounding up 7,000 mothers, children and men and flattening their huts with bulldozers. Into this total picture, Washington indignation against "iron curtain enslavement"—while remaining blind to the outrages against "free world" innocents in Africa and at home—easily fits.

THE JACKSON FAMILY

But, says Mrs. Jackson:

If millions of citizens, Negro and white, workingman, professionals and business people—all who cherish democracy and fear its final destruction in our land—speak up, we can halt persecution for political beliefs.

Powell in fight to bar KV eviction

MRS. CARMEN STRICKLAND went ahead with spring cleaning in her Knickerbocker Village apartment last week as though no eviction threat hung over her head. Eviction day for Negro artist Edward Strickland, his wife and their 3-year-old boy had been set for April 30, was stayed at the last minute by Municipal Court Judge Mitchell Schweitzer pending his final decision.

Since the Stricklands spearheaded the KV fight against jimcrow two years ago, 30 other Negro families have found homes among the 25,000 families housed in limited dividend projects.

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N. Y.) joined the fight last week, sent emissaries to meet with KV Pres. Irving Brown and urge that the Stricklands, who originally sublet their apartment, be permitted to remain. Powell's representatives signed a KV Tenants' Assn. statement of principles condemning the eviction as an "act of retaliation" against the Stricklands for their "immeasurable service toward the improvement of race relations" in KV and similar projects.

UP TO PEOPLE: In Parkchester, the Bronx, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Decatur learned Tuesday that a final suit charging as illegal Metropolitan Life's eviction of them as the only Negro family in the project, had been denied by the Appellate Div. of the State Supreme Court, and the marshal was expected momentarily with the eviction notice. The Bronx Committee Against Discrimination stated that this was the last court action; the fight against segregation in Parkchester and to keep the Decatur family in the project now rests with the community. Rev. Robert Stone of the Bronx Protestant Council, representing most of the Protestant churches in the boro, indicated his organization would take action against the eviction.

WHAT OIL GRAB COST N. Y. KIDS

WHEN Congress passed the legislation depriving the federal government and the public of the oil—(under the marginal seas) few New Yorkers knew what they lost.

Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.) told Congress: "If the people of the country knew what they were losing, the Holland bill could never have passed. The backers of the bill must depend upon the lack of knowledge and the indifference of the public to allow the bill to go through by default. It is, of course, hard for the people to become concerned about losing what they never knew they had. This is the real tragedy in this case."

DOWN THE DRAIN: As an alternative to the big oil grab, Sen. Hill (D-Ala.) proposed that all federal royalties would go to educations, allotted to each state according to the number of children aged 5-17. He called his proposal "oil for the lamps of learning."

Sen. Douglas read off the stake each state had in the submerged wealth. New York schools would have netted a bonanza estimated at $4,215,000,000 with royalties estimated at from $505,800,000 (12½%) to $809,280,000 (20%.)

The oil that went down the drain could have granted the Teachers Union program of $500 across the board raise for every teacher, new schools that would lower the classroom attendance to 30, replace all present firetraps.

T. U. calls for pickets

Swift reprisals were expected for the four teachers who last week took their stand on the Fifth Amendment, refused to answer questions put by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Customary procedure: the Board of Education receives a transcript of the testimony, calls in the teachers to verify the record, then announces their dismissals. No further hearing is required under regulations which are used to fire teachers who refuse to "cooperate" with Congressional committees.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is set for May 21, when action may be taken. The Teachers Union has called for a picket line at the Board's offices, 110 Livingston St., B'klyn, May 21, 4-6 p.m.

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Ryan rigs

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To date official challengers to King Joe Ryan have settled for tough talk and drastic headlines, little action.

HELPFUL GUNMEN: At a hearing before the Senate committee chaired by Sen. Tobey (R-N. H.) on April 30, Ryan admitted that he had removed none of the gunmen cited by the N. S. State Crime Commission, indicted by a N. Y. Grand Jury, ordered ousted by AFL leaders. He said he found them "helpful" because "you need tough fellows to combat Communists."

Committee member Pastore (R-R. I.) asked: "Couldn't you better oppose communism with men who do not have criminal records?"

Ryan: "Some of these people with bad criminal records are pretty handy when the going gets tough."

Along with the gunmen Ryan said he also "worked with the Dept. of Justice, the FBI and military intelligence."

When Ryan claimed a nationwide membership, Sen. Tobey asked a spectator seated in the front row of the hearing chamber to stand. He was Harry Bridges, leader of the racket-free West Coast longshoremen. Ryan modified his claim.

GEORGE A. MEANY
Any cleaning—we'll do

ONE-WAY RIDE: Later Bridges told Committee member Potter (R-Mich.): "You should have given even a guy like Ryan all the privilege of an American [Sen. Tobey had wielded his gavel heavily.] Instead of shutting him up you should have let him talk and the real story would have come out. . . . That guy couldn't clean up anything. Besides, telling him to try is like giving him a one-way ticket to the morgue. If he started out to clean things up, he'd be bumped off immediately."

Later on May 8 AFL Pres. George Meany appeared before the Tobey committee, denounced the referendum as a vote on "a loaded question," said: "They were given the choice of the shape-up or nothing else. I know the evils of the shape-up from my own trade (plumbing) a long time ago. Every workingman, if given another alternative, would choose that alternative."

WHO'LL DO WHAT? Though the AFL had set May 20 as the deadline for ILA housecleaning, Meany refused to tell Tobey when or how the AFL would act if Ryan failed to clean house. Tobey shouted at Meany: "They are guilty as hell. You ought to kick them out."

Meany: "In violation of our constitution without a trial? Even Congressmen are not kicked out before they are found guilty in a fair trial."

Tobey: "Change your constitution then."

Meany: "We will change our constitution when we feel it should be changed and we won't ask you for advice."

Tobey: "You mean you'll just slap them on the wrist or something. If you don't do something, we will."

Meany: "What is done will be done by us."

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Plenty of nothing — but Jim Crow

By Eugene Gordon

WHEN the State Dept. sent the George Gershwin-DuBose Heyward "folk opera" **Porgy & Bess** to West Germany's cultural festival last September as typical of U.S. Negro life, it ignored Negro and some white opposition. Recently after touring Europe the show returned to New York and N.Y. **Times** drama critic Brooks Atkinson wrote:

> The people who . . . opposed the project of sending it abroad ought to feel ashamed of themselves. . . . Europe and England have expressed an admiration for **Porgy & Bess** somewhat beyond the enthusiasm they have for American foreign policy. . . .

"LOGIC DISREGARDED": Between writers for white and Negro newspapers a furious debate on the opera opened up. Dr. Nick Aaron Ford, head of the English dept., Morgan State (Md.) College for Negroes, contended in the Baltimore **Afro-American** (4/4) that Atkinson himself should be ashamed for implying that a distortion of American life can create goodwill where U.S. foreign policy stirs resentment; or that U.S. Negroes should meekly submit to distortion to get laughs from Europeans who otherwise would be protesting our government's mistreatment. Ford wrote:

> It seems that Mr. Atkinson is entirely oblivious of or insensitive to the presence of others than Europeans at the International Festival . . . [Is it that he] believes the reaction of Asians and Africans should be of no concern to the makers of American foreign policy?
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> . . . [He] is not alone in his disregard of the basic principles of logic when he is dealing with issues involving colored people.
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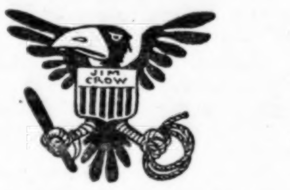
> . . . [Since the U.S. government] was in position to sponsor only one production . . . the selection should have been representative of the life, customs, ideals, temperament, or cultural patterns of a considerable portion of the American nation.

A CULTURAL "GLORY"? That, said Richard Watts Jr. (**N.Y. Post, 4/5**), was just what **Porgy and Bess** did; it "is one of the glories of popular American culture." Ford retorted:

> It is not only NOT representative of American life in general; it is not even representative of any sizeable fragment of the colored population, south or north.



He reminded his white opponents that he and fellow-Negroes gave these objections to sending **Porgy & Bess** abroad:

- It would give Europeans a cheap impression of American culture.
- Its one-sided portrayal of colored people in America as crap-shooters, professional beggars and prostitutes would be offensive to other colored peoples of the world and thereby create bad feeling toward the U.S.
- Other more suitable plays are available.

Ford had "no doubt that Europeans, like many New Yorkers—and Iowans and Colifornians—would enjoy a performance of Erskine Caldwell's **Tobacco Road,**" but

> . . . would anybody seriously suggest Mr. Caldwell's play as a fit production to be sponsored by our government? Yet **Tobacco Road** is just as typical of American poor whites as **Porgy & Bess** is of American colored people. Neither, however, is sufficiently typical of American culture to represent our nation at an international cultural festival.

WHY THEY CHEER: Walter F. Kerr, N.Y. **Herald Tribune** critic (4/5), was "driven to the point of fatigue" by the "demoniac energy" put into the play by Robert Breen's direction, but loved the way "the whole population of Catfish Row hurls itself into each successive moment"; the way a "garishly realistic" murder scene "cracks open . . . with the authority of a thunderbolt"; the "blood-curdling" stage activity as "the music explodes on top of it"; Cab Calloway, as he "strides, slinks and leaps . . . with fierce and fantastic glee." Said the **Afro-American's** James L. Hicks:

> . . . It is not difficult to understand why some white people stand up and yell "Bravo!" and clap their hands until they are blue when they see colored actors acting the fool and making fools of other members of their race. . . . [It is] the traditional role which some white people have set aside for colored people since the first days of Uncle Tom . . . the role of the ignorant, happy-foot, lust-loving, crap-shooting clown, and **Porgy and Bess** has them all.

Hicks conceded to Kerr that the acting and singing are tops, but said that was why the play is

> . . . not only an insult to the colored race, but a disgrace to America. . . . There is no sound in New York to surpass the full, beautiful voice of talented Leontyne Price as "Bess." Nothing is finer than Helen Thigpen's "Serena," and others in the cast show amazing voice talents.
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> . . . This in itself is America's disgrace. For here are voices second to none in this nation. Yet, because these voices stem from black breasts, they are not being heard from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera, where they belong. Instead, they are intermingled with the rattle of dice which roll across the stage throughout **Porgy**.

"TIME TO RISE UP": As if to mock the futility of the whole argument, it was later announced that two Hollywood studios were "tied up in a bidding contest to land the Gershwin story and musical for a movie." Cried Hicks:

> When will the colored people of America rise up in unified protest against the way they are pictured on the American stage, radio, screen and television? One showing of **Porgy** has convinced this writer that the time is NOW!

Zsa Zsa breathes again

. . . American nerves continued to edge. The dangerous proposal to invite Chaplin to the Festival was countered by directives from Hollywood that, if any such reception occurred, American stars were to leave Cannes immediately. Mr. Chaplin did not arrive, and Lana Turner and Lex Barker (the latest impersonator of Tarzan), Gary Cooper, Ann Baxter, Geo. Sanders and the overwhelming Miss Zsa Zsa Gabor were not required to default from their action stations at the Carlton Hotel.

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THALIA, 95th & B'way. **Bicycle Thief & Miracle in Milan** (both It.), May 15-21.

WAVERLY, 6th Av. at 3rd St. **Big Sky & Laura**, May 18-19; **Man in the White Suit & Harvey**, May 20-21.

Bronx

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THE CELLAR—by Loften Mitchell, starring Helen Marsh. People's Showcase Theater, 290 Lenox Av., Sun., May 17, 2:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

PHILIP EVERGOOD—film on his work with the artist as guest speaker; opening show of 3 noted ASP photographers; social, refreshments. Spons. ASP Art Div., Fri., May 22, at ASP Clubrooms, 37 W. 64th St. 75c.

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MAY 23-29

Films

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AMER. MUS. OF NATURAL HISTORY, Central Park W. & 79th St. Free. 4 films on MEXICO, Sat., May 23, 2 p.m.; SIAM & WONDER HOUSE, Tues., May 26, 4 p.m.

MUS. OF THE CITY OF N. Y., 5th Av. & 103d St. Free. THIS IS CANADA & AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, Sat., May 23, 2 p.m.

N. Y. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Central Pk. W. at 77th St. Free. LAND OF OUR FOREFATHERS series, Sat., May 23, 2 p.m.

Plays

PUSS IN BOOTS, marionette show, community sing & other live entertainment, Jan Hus House, 351 E. 74th St. Sat., May 23, 2:30 p.m. 60c.

Miscellaneous

B'KLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, B'klyn Av. & Park Pl. Free. Sat. Story hour (age 4-6) 11:30 a.m.; Live animal show 1:15 p.m.; Science demonst.: "WHAT MAKES WHEELS GO ROUND?" 2:30 p.m.; Cultural History demonst.: MASKS, & FACES, 3:30 p.m.

OUTDOOR SONG FESTIVAL: Sun., May 24, 2-9 p.m., Washington Square. Free.

ART DEMONSTRATIONS: Natl. Assn. of Women Artists exhibit & demonstrations in various media. Natl. Academy, 1038 5th Av. 1-5 p.m. thru this month. 25c.

ALP to Launch campaign June 28

AS THE June deadline neared for the city to turn over its transit lines to an authority committed to a fare rise, the ALP took three steps:

- Arthur Schutzer, executive secy., armed with petitions bearing 65,000 signatures pleading against a transit authority or any other scheme to raise the fare, asked Mayor Impellitteri and each member of the Bd. of Estimate to call a public hearing before tht deal is tied up.
- Chairman Vito Marcantonio called on the city council to vote against the entire budget and fight for "emergency action to repeal the transit authority law and to make the owners of huge commercial and industrial real property pay millions of dollars in additional taxes through proper assessments." Marcantonio said: "No councilman who votes for this budget which places so heavy a burden on the little people of the City of New York can stand right in the elections of 1953 and we shall oppose the reelection of such councilmen."

- The ALP announced plans to touch off its "1953 election campaign for peace, civil liberties and the continued fight against rent and fare increases" with a "mammoth festival and rally" Sunday, June 28, at Randall's Island. For the rally, Marcantonio was slated to keynote the campaign; for the festival there would be music, drama, free admission for all under 16 and supervised play in the stadium for underaged ALPers.

U.S. vs. Allies

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program in Asia. (GUARDIAN will analyze the significance of the new appointments next week.)

EVERYTHING RIGHT: The Americans were submitted to a huge propaganda campaign to convince them that—in the words of Gen. James Van Fleet (ret.)—"Korea is for us the right war in the right place at the right time and . . . with the right allies." His article (**Life**, 5/11, first of two), attacked the "many of us over-eager for peace at any price," claimed

> . . . the Reds have lost the war. . . . All we have to do is start an all-out effort in Korea and the Reds will soon come begging to us.

(His claims that "the Reds" could have been beaten any time since April, 1951, were and are held by former and present military men in the Far East, including Gen. Ridgway (**N. Y. Herald Tribune**, 5/10). They were riddled by **NYHT**'s conservative military writer Walter Millis, 3/25/53, as

> . . . startlingly at variance with everything he [Van Fleet] and his headquarters were giving out at the time in question. . . .)

TRUCE CONCESSIONS SPURNED: The U.S. rejected even in principle the plan put forward May 7 by N. Korean Gen. Nam Il in an effort to avert suspension of the talks. He had proposed that a five-nation commission (Switzerland, Sweden, India, Poland, Czechoslovakia) assume control for four months of POW's who "don't want to go home," during which time their home countries could talk with them; it was "a considerable concession by the Communists in the interest of obtaining an early armistice" (**Christian Science Monitor**, 5/7).

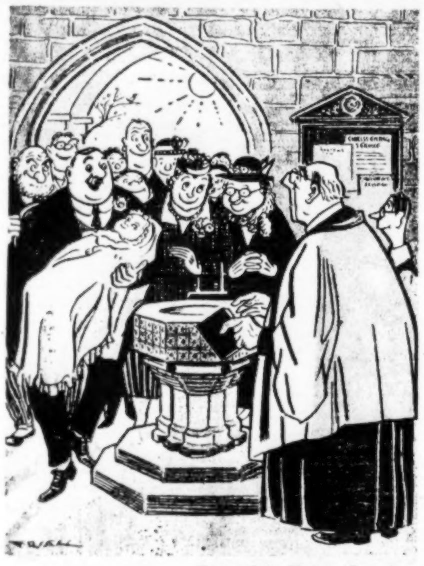
This concession, called the "last" one by the other side, climaxed a series on the POW issue since Mar. 29 when China-N. Korea agreed to trade sick and wounded as a first step towards a truce—and a still earlier series of "important concessions" on the same issue (Demaree Bess, (**Sat. Eve. Post**, 11/1/52) before the U.S. suspended talks last fall (see Koje story, p. 4).

BRITAIN AROUSED: The May 7 plan as **NYT** reported (5/8, 9) embarrassed the Administration on several counts; it followed India's original UN resolution last winter; had already received "a much warmer" UN reception; "its acceptance will be urgently supported by New Delhi," which is also convinced that following U.S. acceptance of the proposal it would have to take up China's recognition and UN seat.

In Britain, U.S. "truculence" roused wide opposition (Howard K. Smith, **CBS**, 5/10) and "the idea has spread that only U.S. intransigeance . . . [is] responsible for continuing hostilities in Korea" (**NYT**, 5/12).

Gen. Clark offered a "counter-plan" under which all N. Korean POW's allegedly refusing repatriation would be released (that is, turned over to Rhee) and Chinese POW's would be screened by the five-nation commission, released after a two-month period if they still refused repatriation. The other side rejected it, as U.S. had expected.

WINSTON MOVES: Churchill's "conciliatory" talk, which drew cheers from both sides in Commons and "struck a responsive chord . . . throughout the country" (**NYT**, 5/13) got "a chilly D.C. reception" (N.Y. **Daily News**, 5/12). His proposals, made without consultation with Washington, "may lead to some Anglo-American difficulties" (**NYHT**, 5/12).



Reynolds News, London

"No, not George — Georgi as in Malenkov!"

On Korea, he "made it clear that the British view was that some concession should be made to the Communists in the interests of a truce" (**NYT**, 5/12).

Churchill's call for high level informal talks with Moscow, with privacy, without an agenda, with understanding that all questions cannot be settled at once, won immediate endorsement from the Pope in an unprecedented press conference at the Vatican.

ATTLEE CHEERED: Former Prime Minister Attlee, asserting that elements in the U.S. want to destroy China and communism in general, suggested attaching advisers to the U.S. truce delegation, drew cheers when he demanded that after an armistice "further settlement should not be left exclusively in American hands."

France welcomed the speech; **NYT** (5/12) recalled that Foreign Minister Bidault tried to say the same thing during the recent NATO conference but was rebuffed by Dulles.

Moscow's **Pravda** summarized the speech, asked if Churchill "intends to continue the policy of the militarization of Western Germany, and the policy of a split Germany." Churchill had indirectly slapped Washington's "liberation" policy in suggesting a guarantee to the U.S.S.R. against German aggression and that Poland "will remain a friendly power and a buffer" but had called for speeding of W. Germany's rearmament.

GOP and some Democratic Senators like Knowland (Calif.) and McCarthy (Wis.) angrily denounced Britain, said U.S. would go it alone in Asia. U.S. insistence there could be no talks with Moscow until it bowed to U.S. terms in Korea and Austria, while presenting at Panmunjom a proposal it knew in advance would not be acceptable, showed that—in the absence of a determined demand of the American people for a Korean cease-fire—the Administration was going ahead with its plans to expand the war.

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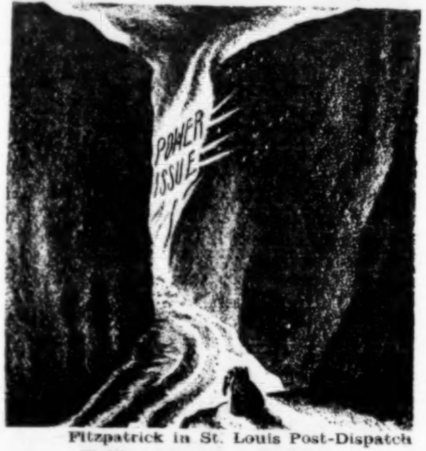
How the people lost the dam at Hell's Canyon on Snake River

FOR the past seven years the Federal government has spent thousands of dollars making detailed plans for construction of a great multi-purpose dam and reservoir at Hell's Canyon on the Snake River at a point where it forms the border between Idaho and Oregon. The dam would be the highest in the world and would rank with Boulder and Grand Coulee. It would generate upwards of 1,100,000 kilowatts of inexpensive electric power at the site, increase the output of power at other installations downstream, provide for flood control on the Columbia River (the Columbia's 1948 flood took 50 lives, caused $100,000,000 damage), furnish water for irrigation of thousands of acres, increase navigation, make possible the exploitation of vast phosphate deposits for cheap fertilizer.

On May 6 Interior Secy. McKay announced government abandonment of this great project in favor of a private utility, the Idaho Power Co.

THE LAST ONE: Pending before the Federal Power Commission is an application by the power company to build one, possibly three, small hydroelectric dams on the Snake. All three would generate about half (or less) the power of the Hell's Canyon dam (at more than twice the cost to consumers), would contribute nothing to flood control, navigation, irrigation or fertilizer production. Both McKay and Agriculture Secy. Benson have withdrawn government opposition to the Idaho Power Co.'s application. Congress last year had formally approved the Hell's Canyon project.



Fitzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Hell's canyons a-poppin'.

Hell's Canyon is a sheer-walled gorge half a mile deep (1,000 feet deeper than Colorado's Grand Canyon); it has been called the last great dam site of its kind on the North American continent. If the private power company builds its little dams, the site will be destroyed forever.

Sen. Morse (Ind.-Ore.) said of the McKay move:

> "It is a betrayal of the public trust. It is further proof of what I warned about in the campaign, that the Eisenhower Administration would be a tool of the American monopolists. No more shocking proof is needed that it is time to turn the rascals out."

DANGER SIGN: Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) called it "the most extreme example to date of the current administration give-away program," said that McKay "by administrative fiat would give the West's greatest undeveloped inland water resource to a single private power company."

To Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) it meant "the end of the multiple-purpose power projects"; Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) called it "a harsh blow at our resource development" and warned that it is "ominous of similar dangers ahead."

FPC's approval of the Idaho Power Co.'s application seemed a foregone conclusion in view of Eisenhower's appointment to the commission of Jerome K. Kuykendall, long a friend of private power utilities. Albert C. Ullman of Baker, Ore., chairman of the Idaho-Oregon Hell's Canyon Assn., said of the appointment:

> "The first objective will be to hatchet Hell's Canyon dam. With this appointment, private utilities are in the saddle."

RIDING HIGH: Government spokesmen were making no secret of who is riding the horse; McKay himself at a recent meeting of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington said:

> "We're here in the saddle as an administration representing business and industry."

McKay's abandonment of the Hell's Canyon project surprised none who know him. On Jan. 14 a Washington Evening Star reporter, in a full-page interview with him, commented:

> "There will not be another TVA in the nation for a long time to come."

On May 6 Luther Huston of the N.Y. Times Washington staff told a group of school teachers that the Eisenhower administration "will not approve a TVA for any of our great river basins."

Back of this newest steal of the peoples' resources stands the Natl. Assn. of Electric Companies; recent figures show it to be the top-spending lobby in the capital. It has reported expenditures last year of $477,941.74 to influence legislation. Some observers credit the lobby with writing the current Interior Dept. budget which cuts a total of $110,000,000 earmarked for construction of transmission lines, public power and irrigation-reclamation projects.

WAKE UP, AMERICA: Oregon's maverick Sen. Morse, who dramatized the fight against the offshore oil steal with a 22-hour continuous speech, recently cried a warning to the country:

> "I say to the American people today: 'Wake up!' This administration is being controlled by political power that is out to take away from the American people their control over the natural resources of this country if you don't stop them."

A recent typographical error in a government publication perfectly expressed the philosophy of Eisenhower's millionaire Cabinet. When Sinclair Weeks was named Secy. of Commerce, the U.S. Information Service, published by the State Dept., reported:

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CHICAGO OVERFLOW: Because of the conflict in dates, Belfrage was unable to participate in the successful carrying out in Chicago May 9 of the meeting of the Natl. Council of American-Soviet Friendship, which was broken up by organized hoodlums when it was originally scheduled on April 12 with Belfrage, John Howard Lawson and William L. Patterson as principal speakers. The May 9 meeting went off without undue incident in the same hall, People's Auditorium, with an overflow crowd of 750.

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GUARDIAN general manager John T. McManus chaired a concert-rally of 600 in Manhattan Plaza May 9 in support of the fight of N.Y. trade unionist Norman Tallentire against deportation under the McCarran-Walter Act. The Hon. Vito Marcantonio was the principal speaker. The concert starred Miss Laura Duncan, Earl Robinson and Paul Robeson.

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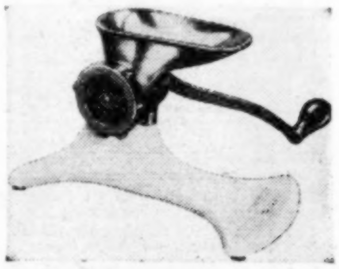

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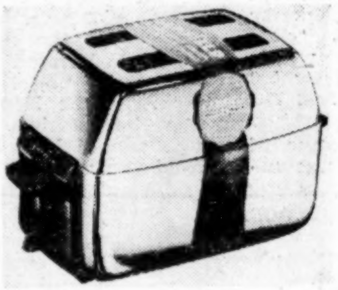

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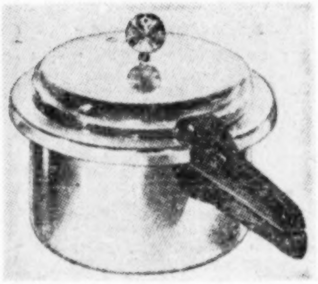

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